GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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BEAUTIFICATION OF SAFDARJUNG AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to use Safdarjung Airport for commercial activities;

(b) if so, whether it would tamper with the heritage status of the area;

(c) whether, in the past too, various such plans of commercialisation have been shelved in view of the opposition from various agencies;

(d) if so, whether the Government has explored to develop this piece of land into a horticulture park or used for ballooning carnivals, micro light tourist flights or as National Air Museum; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Safdarjung Airport is being used for VVIP, VIP flights and other aviation activities. At present, Government has no plan to use land at this airport for commercial activities.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the past, various agencies had suggested proposals such as international level Convention cum Exhibition centre, Heritage Centre, National Aviation Museum etc. There were no tangible outcome.

(d) Due to the imperatives for security aspects, possibility of using Safdarjung airport for micro lights, tourist flights, ballooning carnivals or Horticulture Park has limitations.

(e) Does not arise.